## Patent claims

- 1. Use of one or more demethylation inhibitor (DMI) fungicides from the group consisting of:
  - a) triazoles:
    - a.1. azaconazole, a.2. bitertanol, a.3. bromuconazole, a.4. cyproconazole, a.5. difenoconazole, a.6. diniconazole, a.7. epoxiconazole, a.8. fenbuconazole, a.9. fluquinconazole, a.10. flusilazole, a.11. flutriafol, a.12. hexaconazole, a.13. imibenconazole, a.14. ipconazole, a.15. metconazole, a.16. myclobutanil, a.17. paclobutrazol, a.18. penconazole, a.19. propiconazole, a.20. prothioconazole, a.21. simeconazole, a.22. tebuconazole, a.23. tetraconazole, a.24. triadimenol, a.25. triticonazole;
  - b) pyrimidines:
    b.1. fenarimol, b.2. nuarimol;
  - c) pyridines:
    c.1. pyrifenox;

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- d) imidazoles:
   d.1. imazalil, d.2. oxpoconazole fumarate, d.3. peforazoate, d.4. prochloraz,
   d.5. triflumizole,
- as seed dressing for soya beans against soya bean rust.
  - 2. Use according to Claim 1 using a DMI fungicide from the group consisting of fluquinconazole, flutriafol, ipconazole, prothioconazole and triticonazole.
- 3. Method for protecting soya bean plants against soya bean rust, which method comprises treating seed of the plants with one or more DMI fungicides from the group a e according to Claim 1.
  - 4. Method according to Claim 3 where one or more DMI fungicides from the group consisting of fluquinconazole, flutriafol, ipconazole, prothioconazole and triticonazole is used.

- 5. Use of one or more DMI fungicides from the group consisting of:
  - a) triazoles:a.20. prothioconazole;
  - b) pyrimidines:
    b.1. fenarimol, b.2. nuarimol;

and

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- c) pyridines:c.1. pyrifenox,
- as seed dressing for soya beans.
- 10 6. Use according to Claim 5 using the DMI fungicide prothioconazole.
  - 7. Method for protecting soya bean plants against phytopathogenic fungi, which method comprises treating seed of the plants with one or more DMI fungicides from the group a c according to Claim 5.
  - 8. Method according to Claim 7 where the DMI fungicide used is prothioconazole.
- Soya bean seed, treated and/or coated with one or more DMI fungicides from the group a c according to Claim 5.
  - 10. Soya bean seed according to Claim 9, treated and/or coated with prothioconazole.